(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. It is felt that the proposed legislation may not significantly affect employment situation in beedi industry for the present.

Ad-Hoc compensation to redundant tobacco workers

1849. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Labour Ministry has made any provision for granting ad-hoc compensation to workers in the tobacco sector who become redundant primarily due to Government laws;

(b) if so, the details of the funds being operated by his Ministry; and

(c) steps proposed to create a safety net for workers in the organised tobacco sector in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) No such proposal is under consideration.

Legislative proposals ot restrict tobacco cultivation and beedi industry

1850. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Health Ministry has made any reference to his Ministry of its legislative proposals to restrict tobacco cultivation and beedi industry;

(b) if so, details of the reference made;

(c) whether his Ministry has given any opinion on this issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) The Health Ministry had made a reference to this Ministry only for their legislative proposal related to discouraging use of tobacco products. There is no proposal for restricting tobacco cultivation and beedi industry.

बाल श्रम अधिनियम की समीक्षा

1851. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश में बालक श्रम अधिनियम सामाजिक बुराइयों को कम करने के बदले उन्हें वैधता प्रदान कर रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार इसकी समीक्षा करने का है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इस संबंध में अब तक क्या-क्या कदम उठाए हैं

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. ए. संगमा) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Dispute between INTUC and BMS

1852. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a dispute between INTUC and BMS in the verification process started by the Labour Ministry to find out which union gets the majority in mobilising the employees; and

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any steps to resolve the dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.